

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : David J. Hammond and Emma L. Medina
Appn. No. : Not yet known
Filed : October 24, 2001
For : A NOVEL METHOD OF DETECTING AND ISOLATING PRION PROTEIN AND VARIANTS THEREOF, AND NOVEL METHODS OF DIAGNOSING AND TREATING PRION DISEASES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 30-40 without prejudice to applicants' right to pursue prosecution of these claims in a later-filed application.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. If any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 01-1785.

Respectfully submitted,

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